

Katia Merlini

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Biography

Passionate in conciliating law and finance from the early stages of her education, Katia Merlini is Partner with the International Debt Capital Markets team focusing on derivatives, structured debt issuances and synthetic securitisation transactions. She acts for financial institutions as well as corporates, whether they are based in France or elsewhere in Europe and the world.

Katia has more than 15 years' experience in derivatives and capital markets from two international law firms. She advises French and other European banks (including Crédit Agricole CIB, Société Générale and Edmond de Rothschild France), asset managers and insurance companies, focusing on complex derivative products (including commodity, equity, credit, fund and index linked swaps) and structured notes, certificates and warrants with embedded derivatives. Katia regularly gives training seminars in respect of derivatives, securities lending and repurchase transactions to French financial institutions, including in conjunction with reputable training institutions such as First Finance, Development Institute International or EFE.

Representative experience

Advising a leading French bank in relation to the collateral documentation for its derivative transactions in compliance with EMIR margin requirements.



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Languages

English
French

Practices

Capital Markets
Financial Services
Investment Funds
Pensions
Caribbean Desk

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions
Insurance

Advising a leading French insurance company in relation to the negotiation of OTC derivative transactions and relating clearing arrangements.

Advising the bank affiliate of a leading international automotive group in relation to the negotiation of its clearing arrangements for OTC derivatives.

Advising a leading French bank in relation to the structuring and issuance of structured negotiable MTNs (medium term notes) referencing an underlying basket of commodity linked warrants.

Advising Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank in relation to its structured EMTN and certificates issuance programmes.

Advising Edmond de Rothschild (France) in relation to its €750m structured EMTN issuance programme.

Advising Goldman Sachs in relation to the issue of French law governed securities under its Series P structured debt issuance Programme approved by the Luxembourg regulator

Awards and rankings

- Capital Markets: Derivatives (France), *Chambers Global*, 2021
- Katia Merlini is recognized as a Leading lawyer - Highly regarded in IFLR1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms, *IFLR 1000*, 2019 & 2020
- Katia Merlini 'deserves praise for her judgement, poise, ability to remain calm under pressure and high delivery standards'. Capital Markets: Derivatives and Structured Finance, *Legal 500 EMEA France*, 2019
- Katia is proactive and delivers precise and straight to the point advice (un conseil précis et qui va droit au but) on derivatives., *Legal 500 Paris*, 2012 - 2013
- Capital Markets: Debt capital markets, France, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020
- Derivatives and Structured Finance, France, Next Generation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Capital Markets and Tax

Commodities Trading

Derivatives and Structured Products

Hedge Funds

Insurance and Reinsurance Arrangements and Finance

Raising Debt Capital

Education and admissions

Education

Diplôme d'Etudes Comptables et Financières (DECF), 1999

DEA de droit des affaires: Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1999

Maîtrise en droit des affaires : Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law, Université Paris V Descartes, 1998

Finance, General, Toulouse Business School, 1996

Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

- Derivatives and Structured Finance, Recommended, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019-2020

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - ISDA publishes the ISDA Digital Asset Derivatives Definitions
- Insights and Analysis
 - Sustainability-linked derivatives: some practical considerations
- News
 - 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions: What end users need to know
- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells Paris improves its rankings in numerous categories in *The Legal 500 EMEA France 2021*
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises AccorInvest on its financial restructuring
- News
 - Brexit and derivatives transactions – some practical perspectives